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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP: PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT OF  
INTERNATIONAL AIR FARE FOR NON-YUGOSLAV TRAVELERS UNDER  
JOINT FUND GRANTS.

REFERENCE: A) STATE'S 137768, B) 089754

1. UNDER CURRENT TRAVEL PROCEDURES SMI A) TRANSMITS TO  
EMBASSY BELGRADE EACH NON-YUGOSLAV TRAVELER'S FULL ITINERARY  
WITH AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE PAYMENT IN YUGOSLAV DINARS FROM  
SPECIFIC JOINT FUND GRANT, B) EMBASSY CONVEYS ITINERARY TO  
AIRLINES OFFICE, C) AIRLINES OFFICE COMPUTES FARE, COLLECTS  
FROM EMBASSY AND INSTRUCTS AIRLINES OFFICE STATESIDE  
(THROUGH "PRE-PAID TICKET ADVICE") TO ISSUE TICKET TO  
TRAVELER.

2. BREAKDOWNS HAVE RECENTLY BECOME FREQUENT IN LAST STEP  
THIS PROCEDURE. PRE-PAID TICKET ADVICES HAVE BEEN ISSUED  
ONLY AT LAST MINUTE OR LATER.

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3. MOREOVER, ADVICES, WHEN RECEIVED HAVE BEEN "NON-ENDORSABLE" TO ANY OTHER THAN ISSUING AIRLINE. COMBINATION OF INFLEXIBILITY AND LATENESS HAVE CAUSED CONSIDERABLE AND IRREDEMIABLE INCONVENIENCE.

4. IN CURRENT CASE OF STOBIL TRAVELERS KOLARIK AND HEMANS, SUBJECT REFTEL A), PRE-PAID TICKET ADVICES ORIGINALLY REQUESTED REF. B), AND ORDERED BY EMBASSY APRIL 22 AS REPORTED BELGRADE'S 2433. WHEN RECEIVED BY PAN AM STATESIDE AFTER TRAVELERS' DEPARTURE VIA TWA, ADVICES WERE MARKED "NON-ENDORSABLE" AND THUS USELESS MAKE PAYMENT TWA WHICH HAD ISSUED TICKETS ON BASIS 14 DAY BILLING ARRANGEMENT. EFFORTS OBTAIN ENDORSABLE PRE-PAID NOTICES FROM PAN AM BELGRADE STILL UNSUCCESSFUL JUNE 16 AND PAYMENT TWA LONG OVERDUE.

5. CONSEQUENTLY, SMITHSONIAN JUNE 16 REQUESTED PAN AM WASHINGTON, CANCEL PREPAID NOTICES KOLARIK AND HEMANS, IN EVENT NOTICES RECEIVED WASHINGTON.

6. JUNE 16 ALSO, SMITHSONIAN ISSUED GOVERNMENT TRAVEL REQUESTS (GTR) TO TWA PAYABLE IN YUGOSLAV DINARS COVER TICKETS ISSUED KOLARIK AND HEMANS. GTR'S BEAR FISCAL DATA APPROPRIATE CHARGE JOINT FUND GRANT AS FOLLOWS: 33X0102 (JF-2-SMI) FR4-60104.

7. JUNE 17, ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION RECEIVED PAN AM WASHINGTON FROM PAN AM BELGRADE, APPARENTLY INSPIRED BY REFTEL A), BUT STILL NOT PROVIDING PREPAID TICKET ADVICES COVER KOLARIK AND HEMANS TICKETS. PAN AM WASHINGTON PERKINS, RESPONDED SAME DAY INSTRUCTING PAN AM BELGRADE REFUND TO EMBASSY FARES KOLARIK AND HEMANS AND STATING GTR'S ISSUED WASHINGTON WOULD BE FUTURE METHOD PAYMENT YUGOSLAV DINAR TRAVEL ORIGINATING U.S.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTED (A) OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FROM PAN AM BELGRADE, FULL PAYMENT MADE ON BEHALF BOTH TRAVELERS KOLARIK AND HEMANS, (B) MAKE PAYMENT THEIR TRAVEL ON BASIS GTR'S WHEN SUBMITTED EMBASSY THROUGH AIRLINES CHANNELS.

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9. EMBASSY FURTHER REQUESTED NOTIFY WISEMAN OF CHANGED PROCEDURE AND AVAILABILITY FUNDS PURCHASE HEMANS RETURN TRAVEL.

10. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED NOTIFY SMITHSONIAN WHEN REFUND COMPLETED AND CONFIRM USE GTR'S FUTURE NON-YUGOSLAV TRAVEL UNDER JOINT FUND GRANTS. KISSINGER

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